Interpellation.

Mr. Marasseri Trivikraman Vasudevan.

22. (*a*) Have any special arrangements been made to afford educational facilities to the Malayala Brahmins? If so what are they?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that the boarding grant sanctioned to the school for Malayala Brahmins at Mannadi is a portion of the income derived from the charitable funds provided for their religious education in other localities?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state what amount of similar funds exists, and in what places, intended for the special use of Malayala Brahmins, and whether such funds can be utilised for boarding grants to special schools?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to sanction to Malayala Brahmin boys in public schools, such concessions and scholarships as are allowed in the case of some other communities backward in modern education?

(*e*) Is there any provision for religious instruction in Government schools? If not, will the Government be pleased to take steps to provide for such instruction?

(*f*) Is it a fact that in some grant-in-aid schools under the management of Christian religious authorities, non-Christian pupils are compelled to attend Christian religious classes and that they are treated in a manner calculated to wound their self-respect? If so, will it be practicable for Government to remedy the evil?

23. (*a*) Are the Government aware that in many countries, Hindu and Mahomedan, cow-slaughter is prohibited?

(*b*) Will the prohibition of cow-slaughter in Travancore, which is the premier Hindu State, entail any loss to Government, or are they against such prohibition?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table statistics showing the number of cows slaughtered daily in the several parts of this country?

24. The first chapter of the report submitted by the Committee constituted on the repeated and joint representations of the Jenmies and the Kudiyans was ordered to be deleted on the ground that that chapter contained damaging reflections on the Malayala Brahmin community in general and it was resolved by Government to introduce another Bill in the Legislative Council. Will the Government be now pleased to state at what stage the subsequent action taken in the matter is?

Answer.

22. (*a*) There are two schools specially intended for the education of Malayala Brahmins. One is a Lower Grade English School with a lower grade vernacular branch attached to it. The school, which is now at Mannadi, will soon be removed to Kulakkada. Special arrangements have been made for the boarding of the pupils. The other is the Higher Grade Vernacular School at Kumaranallur. In both the schools, the pupils are taught free.

(*b*) The grant towards the boarding of the pupils at Mannadi is derived from the funds formerly sanctioned for Othoottus.

(*c*) Information will be called for.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) There is no provision for religious instruction in Government schools. The multiplicity of religions in the country precludes the possibility of any satisfactory arrangements being made in this respect.

(*f*) The Director of Public Instruction reports that orders have, from time to time, issued that religious instruction should be given only before or after school-hours so that non-Christian pupils need not attend.

Secretary Mr. K. Narayanan Pandalay.

23. (*a*) No reliable information is available.

(*b*) This question is inadmissible under rule 8 (*d*) of the rules governing the asking of questions and has been placed on the agenda by mistake.

(*c*) The statistics required are not available.

24. The Additional Head Sirkar Vakil has been requested to submit a draft amending Bill and he is engaged in its preparation.

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